

264 over Latrobe, and Mr. Harris only 223 over Warfield, thereby reducing the Reform majority from 98 at the Municipal election to 57 at the State election. The remarkable Mr. Wellslager, Democratic Judge, was substituted on this occasion for Mr. Carroll, who acted at the Municipal election, and his eccentricities, as proved by the witnesses above mentioned, were ample to account for any amount of confusion in the ballots or returns. Mr. Wellslager allowed his zeal for his party to carry him so far that even the Police Board repudiated him, and swore they knew him not, and never had commissioned him, but that the other judges at the precinct had, (testimony of Marriott Boswell and John Milroy.) The judges, however, deny this soft impeachment, and swear not only that they had no part nor lot in Mr. Wellslager, or his appointment, but that he appeared at the polls with, and acted under a regular commission from the Board of Police. (See Democratic Return judge Stembler's testimony.)

In the 4th precinct of the 14th ward, we find in the returns of the State election, 132 more votes than at the Municipal election, that Carroll gains 149, and Harris loses 17, and that the Reform majority of 113 at the Municipal election is turned into a Democratic majority of 53 at the State election. The cause of these changes is readily seen in the fact that there was a change in the offices between the two elections, and the new appointee, though selected as a Reformer, openly worked for the Democratic party; saying, (among other things,) to the Democrat workers, "if you boys will only do your duty outside, we will do it inside." That the duty inside was done, appears from the presence of 144 unfolded Democratic tickets, and 44 Pudding tickets.

Now, as the Pudding ticket is a very small ticket, on thin paper, and is voted by being concealed inside the ordinary ticket, it therefor generally, if not always, represents a ballot without a name on the poll book to account for it; while the unfolded ticket is the ordinary ticket, fresh, smooth and clean, just as it comes from the printer, and showing by its condition and marked contrast to the general mass of tickets that it could not have passed through the hands of a voter, or through the slit in the ballot box, but has gotten into the returns by being put into the box with the lid open, or deliberately added to the filed ballots after the close of the polls.

But the number of the Pudding tickets in the 4th precinct of the 14th ward, 44 plus 144, the number of unfolded ticket, makes a total of 188, while there is an excess of ballots over names of only 86, we have 42 of the excess to go to